

# Samuel Shaheen, MD, FACS

Executive Director, CMU Medical Education Partners



## Current Leadership Roles

Dr. Samuel Shaheen, MD, FACS, became executive director of Central Michigan University (CMU) Medical Education Partners (Partners) in October 2016. Dr. Shaheen is passionately committed to improving health through education and uses his leadership roles to create dynamic communities in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

As the executive director for CMU Partners, he oversees graduate medical

education and leads the partnership between CMU and Saginaw's two major hospital systems – Covenant HealthCare and Ascension St. Mary's. CMU Partners has more than 50 years of experience delivering medical education to students and residents and provides high-quality, evidence-based, and patient-centered care.

## Prior Experience

Prior to becoming the executive director for CMU Medical Education Partners, Dr. Shaheen was the Surgical Disciplines Chair and a professor of Surgery at the CMU College of Medicine. Before joining CMU, his professional experience included founding, presiding and practicing as a general surgeon at Midwestern Surgical Associates, PC, where he developed an 11-physician surgery group that provided multi-specialty surgical care in Michigan.

Dr. Shaheen's extensive background includes several other leadership positions and years of hospital management experience, academic titles, and community leadership roles.

## Professional Credentials

Dr. Shaheen received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Albion College in Albion, Michigan. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Michigan School of Medicine in Ann Arbor, and performed his surgical residency and internship at Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Shaheen is board certified in General Surgery by the American Board of Surgery and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Additionally, he received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Albion College in 2018.

## Community Innovator

As a life-long resident of Saginaw County, Dr. Shaheen is committed to building healthy and vibrant communities and improving health through medical education for the region and state of Michigan.

In addition to his roles with CMU, he serves as CEO and president of Shaheen Development, a family-owned, community-based real estate development company. Award-winning developments in each of his region's communities – the Saginaw Riverfront, Uptown Bay City and the H Residence in Midland – are a few examples of the company's positive impact in the region.

His community influence includes other board-level and founding roles for the Great Lakes Region Board of Huntington National Bank, Albion College Board of Trustees, Council of Michigan Foundations Impact Investing Committee, Steering Team for Transforming Health Regionally in a Vibrant Economy (THRIVE), Temple Theatre Foundation, Mid-Michigan Children's Museum, and the Saginaw Art Museum.

## Practicing Physician

As a practicing general surgeon for CMU Health, Dr. Shaheen's areas of expertise and special interests include cancers of the esophagus, stomach, pancreas and thyroid. He is skilled in minimally invasive treatments such as cholecystectomy, splenectomy, hernia repair and Nissen fundoplication. Staying on the cutting-edge of surgical technology, Dr. Shaheen and Dr. Maher Ghanem, used the DaVinci Robotic System to become the first surgeons in Michigan to remove 80 percent of a liver using robotic assistance in 2018. He continues to work with Dr. Maher Ghanem and Dr. Elizabeth Paulus to regularly perform complex robotic "Whipple" procedures (pancreaticoduodenectomies) to treat patients with pancreatic tumors and cancer.

## Achievements

Among his many honors, Dr. Shaheen received an Honorary Doctorate Degree of Humane Letters from Albion College and the "Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award" from CMU College of Medicine for assistant professor of Surgery role. He also received the "Outstanding Educator" teaching award, voted on by General Surgery residents, two years in a row. He has received numerous awards for his philanthropic work, community leadership and real estate development in the Great Lakes Bay Region. Dr. Shaheen has appeared as a keynote speaker at an array of medical and community events, including the 2019 CMU College of Medicine White Coat Induction Ceremony.

